

Remarks

Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-11 and 13-21 are allowed. Claims 4, 7, 12 and 22-25 were rejected. The drawings are accepted.

Claims 22-25 were rejected under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant has amended these claims in accordance with the Examiner's examples and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 4, 7 and 12 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Markush groupings used the term "comprised" instead of "consisting." Applicant has amended these claims to use the term 'consisting.' Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

The office action stated that claims 4, 7 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 112 rejection. Applicant submits that these claims are therefore allowable. It would appear that claims 22-25 are also in allowable form, being directed to similar limitations in already-allowed claims. Allowance of all claims is requested.

No new matter has been added by this amendment. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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